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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 46 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please add new claim 54 as follows:

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54. (New) An assay for determining the likelihood that a tumor suspected of being a Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma is a Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma comprising:
- (a) contacting a sample of the tumor with an antibody that binds to a polypeptide having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (b) determining whether the antibody binds to the tumor sample, thereby determining whether the polypeptide is present in the tumor sample, the presence of the polypeptide indicating that it is likely that the tumor is a Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

REMARKS

Claim 46 is pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claim 46, and have added new claim 54 corresponding thereto. Accordingly, claim 54 will be pending in the subject application upon entry of this Amendment.

Applicants maintain that the addition of new claim 54 does not raise any issue of new matter. Support for new claim 54 may be found in the specification, *inter alia*, at page 7, lines